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Examiner: Eduardo C. Robert

SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT (SIDS)

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Commissioner for Patents
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Dear Sir:

Pursuant to 37 CFR 1.56, 1.97 and 1.98, the attention of the Patent and Trademark Office is hereby directed to the publications listed on the attached PTO/SB/08. It is respectfully requested that the information be expressly considered during the prosecution of this application, and that the publications be made of record therein.

This Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement is filed more than three months after the U.S. filing date AND after the mailing date of the first Office Action on the merits, but before the mailing date of a Final Office Action or Notice of Allowance (37 CFR 1.97(c)).

In accordance with 37 CFR 1.98(a)(2)(ii), Applicant has not submitted copies of U.S. patents and U.S. patent applications. Applicant submits herewith copies of foreign patents and non-patent literature in accordance with 37 CFR 1.98(a)(2).

The Applicant also reminds and/or calls the Examiner's attention to the co-pending U.S. Patent Applications:

Patent Applications	Filing Date	Title
10/262,502	10/01/2002	Polyaxial Cross Connector
10/813,904	03/31/2004	Head-to-Head Connector Spinal Fixation System
10/908,845	05/27/2005	Spinal Cross-Connector
10/929,095	08/27/2004	Dual Rod Cross Connectors and Inserter Tools
11/162,880	09/27/2005	Posterior Dynamic Stabilization Systems And Methods
11/162,934	09/28/2005	Rod Attachment For Head To Cross Connector
11/557,699	11/08/2006	Spinal Cross-Connectors

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It is submitted that the Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement is in compliance with 37 CFR 1.98 and the Examiner is respectfully requested to consider the listed publications.

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